IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLN.NO.116 OF 2007
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.121 OF 2007

Shri.Rameshbhai Bhikubhai Patel ..Applicant

Vs.

The State of Mah. and Anr. ..Respondents

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Mr.Ramesh Agarwal advocate for applicant
Mr.D.A.Nalawade counsel for Respondent no.1
Mr.S.R.Shinde A.P.P. for Respondent-State

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CORAM: SMT.V.K.TAHILRAMANI,J.
DATE : FEBRUARY 21, 2007

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1. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

2. The applicant has been convicted mainly under Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and sentenced to R.I. for one year. The applicant is now seeking bail.

3. Mr.Agarwal, the learned advocate appearing for

the applicant states that the applicant was on bail throughout the trial and he has not misused the liberty granted to him. This statement is not controverted by the prosecution. Mr.Agarwal submitted that sentence imposed on the applicant is only one year and the appeal is not likely to be heard within that time. Hence, the applicant may be released on bail.

4. Looking to the evidence on record and the above position, I am inclined to release the applicant on bail. It is made clear that this application is being considered only for bail and not for suspension of conviction and liberty is granted to the applicant to prefer separate application for suspension of conviction.

5. The applicant to be released on bail in the sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rs.Twenty Thousand only) with one or two sureties to make up the said amount.

6. Application is disposed of.

[V.K.Tahilramani, J.]